

Follows Announced \$250 for Vets

Washington, DC—Today, U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), a member of the powerful House Appropriations and Veterans Affairs Committee, announced today that the federal government will send out \$250 economic recovery payments to people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits beginning in early May 2009 and continuing throughout the month. No action is required to get the payment, which will be sent separately from the person's regular monthly payment. Earlier in the week Rodriguez announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will make a one-time payment of \$250 dollars to eligible Veterans and survivors with payments beginning in June of 2009.

“One of the several reasons I supported the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was because I knew some of the funding would go toward making the lives of our seniors, veterans, troops and their families better,” said Rodriguez. In addition to increased care for our seniors and veterans, we're going to save and create millions of American jobs, and give 95% of Americans a tax cut.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to adult Social Security beneficiaries, and to SSI recipients, except those receiving Medicaid in care facilities. To receive the payment the individual must be eligible for Social Security or SSI during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009.

The legislation also provides for a one-time payment to Veterans Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiaries. The VA and RRB will be responsible for paying individuals under their respective programs. However, if someone receives Social Security and SSI, VA or RRB benefits, he or she will receive only one \$250 payment. People getting Social Security or SSI should not contact the agency unless a payment is not received by June 4, 2009.

For more detailed information about the \$250 one-time economic recovery payments, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/payment

To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, go to www.recovery.gov

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